

ATTACHMENT B
COMMERCIAL INTERPRETIVE TOURS
COMMERCIAL USE AUTHORIZATION (CUA)
SPECIAL CONDITIONS

1. Authorized Use

Commercial Interpretive Tours are defined as natural or cultural resource information provided by a designated leader to a specified group of people. At a minimum, Bryce Canyon National Park requires all permittees to communicate the Resource Protection Messages identified in Special Condition 6 to every group as part of the interpretive service. Permittees are encouraged to expand on the information provided to provide for the safety and well-being of their clients, as well as enhance their understanding and enjoyment of the park.

Unauthorized Use

Off-Trail Travel Permitted groups may not travel off designated trails and/or viewpoint walkways.

Public Use Obstruction Permitted groups are sharing visitor facilities with the general public. This permit does not convey any priority use of trails. Permittees should advise clients to stay on trails, walk single file, and allow the public to pass.

- 2. Closures and Public Use Limits:** The following areas are closed or restricted as indicated below. Additional locations may be closed or restricted by the posting of appropriate signs:
- a. Areas beyond barriers, fences, railings, and closure signs are closed to the public.
 - b. Off-trail geologic features including hoodoos, arches, bridges and cliff faces are closed to walking, climbing, ascending, descending, rappelling or traversing.
 - c. The Maintenance area, Water Tank area, Mixing Circle area, and roads leading thereto are closed to the general public, except foot or horseback traffic through the Mixing Circle on the established trail. (No foot or horseback traffic is allowed through the boundary fence at the Mixing Circle.)
 - d. Operators of street-legal motor vehicles shall enter or leave the park with such vehicles only on the following designated roads: Utah Hwy 63 and 12.
 - e. The following are closed areas: Service roads to the rear of the headquarters building and to Yovimpa pass and pumping station.
 - f. The following are closed to picnicking: North Campground, Sunset Campground, and Visitor Center Building and parking area.
 - g. Parking and stopping along park roads is prohibited except at designated parking areas or pull-offs.
 - h. All trailers are prohibited at Bryce Point and Paria View. Trailers should be dropped off in the overflow parking area at North Campground.
 - i. All traffic control devices (signs and markings) are enforceable. Parking spots signed "Bus Only" are for motorcoach parking only. Use parallel parking spots at Sunset Point if using a vehicle pulling a trailer. If those spots are full, then clients may have to be dropped off and the vehicle parked at the overflow parking area.

3. **Speed Limits:** The speed limits for the following areas are established as prescribed below:
- Main Park Road: 30-45 miles per hour (depending on exact location), or as posted by signs.
 - The vicinity of the Entrance Stations, Lodge Loop Road and Fairyland Road: 20-25 miles per hour (depending on exact location), or as posted by signs.
 - Road to Bryce Point: 35 mph, or as posted by signs.
 - Campground areas: 10 miles per hour, or as posted by signs.

4. **Restrooms and Drinking Water:**

Restrooms/drinking water can be found at the following locations:

- Visitor Center (open all year)
 - Bryce Canyon Lodge (Closed in Winter)
 - Sunrise Point General Store (Closed in Winter)
 - North and Sunset Campgrounds (North is open all year)
 - Sunset Point (Open all year)
 - Inspiration Point (No drinking water/Closed in Winter)
 - Farview Point (No drinking water)
 - Rainbow Point (No drinking water)
 - Mossy Cave Trail (No drinking water)
 - Peekaboo Loop Trail (No drinking water/Closed in Winter)
5. **No Right of Renewal:** No right of renewal attaches hereto. Upon expiration of this permit, the viability of this service inside the park shall be reviewed and the Superintendent shall determine if authorization of this service shall continue under an Commercial Use Authorization. If a determination is made to continue this type of authorization, CUA holder may then apply for a new permit.
6. **Resource Protection Message:** All permittees are required to communicate the following messages to clients receiving interpretive services:
- Group leaders should be aware of local weather forecasts, trail and/or road conditions. This information can be obtained by stopping at the Visitor Center.
 - Collecting or removing from the park any natural or cultural resource, or damaging or defacing any natural or cultural resource is prohibited.
 - Stay on trails/walkways in order to protect delicate vegetation and soils.
 - In developed areas, the disposal of human waste anywhere other than in designated locations or fixtures provided for that purpose is prohibited. In non-developed areas, the disposal of human waste within 100 feet of a water source, a campsite, or within sight of a trail is prohibited (36CFR 2.14). The preferred option for human waste disposal is a removal system such as a "Restop 2." If a removal system is unavailable, a 4- to 8-inch deep "cat hole" can be used. Toilet paper must be carried out.
 - Take only pictures - leave no evidence of your visit.
 - All food scraps (fruit peels, nut shells, etc.) are considered trash and must be disposed of properly. It is a violation to feed ANY wildlife.

- Smoking on trails is highly discouraged. Smokers must use caution when smoking to prevent igniting a wildfire. Cigarette butts are trash and must be packed out for proper disposal. Trip leaders/guides should check fire conditions for current restrictions.
 - Vehicles must not idle their engines when parked. Vehicles that sit with engines idling create unacceptable amounts of noise and air pollution within Bryce Canyon National Park.
7. **Accidents:** All accidents are to be reported to the nearest ranger station as soon as possible.
 8. **Tour Leaders:** The information provided to participants shall include a review of **safety recommendations** printed in the park publications: “Bryce Canyon, Official Map and Guide” and the “Hoodoo” newspaper. These current publications are available upon arrival at the park. Tour leaders shall be certified in first-aid care as well as fully acquainted with park regulations, and support compliance with said regulations. **Tour Leaders shall have a copy of the Commercial Use Authorization with them at all time while in the Park.**
 9. **Search and Rescue Expenses:** The CUA holder shall pay the cost for search and rescue efforts the park conducts on their behalf beyond everyday budgeting park expenses.
 10. **Entrance Fees:** Entrance fees shall be paid on an individual basis in accordance with park policy. *All trip participants/riders must stop at the entrance station and identify your company. They are not allowed to go through the shuttle/emergency lane. Checks must have the company’s TIN number on it or SSN on personal checks.*
 11. **Program Itineraries:** Prior to the CUA holder’s beginning operation, a detailed program itinerary specifying times and Specific locations of group activities within the park shall be provided to the Park. Location areas are subject to approval. Due to traffic congestion during certain times of the year and safety considerations, areas selected will dictate number of vehicles allowed.
 12. **Monitoring:** The Superintendent shall have the right to monitor CUA holder’s tours for compliance with all aspects of this permit. Tour leaders shall carry a copy of the approved Commercial Use Authorization and present it to any park official upon request. Monitoring costs are charged as part of the total fee. These costs start when the CUA holder arrives in the area to perform the permitted use and ends when the permitted use is over and the CUA holder leaves the area. This includes all costs for personnel and material, as well as all follow up needed in returning the area to its original condition, e.g. a Park Ranger would cost an estimated \$50 per hour for monitoring. Monitoring costs may vary depending on the park staff involved.
 13. **Soil Erosion:** The CUA holder shall take adequate measures, as directed and approved by the Superintendent, to restrict and prevent soil erosion on the lands covered hereby and shall utilize such lands so as not to contribute to erosion on adjoining lands.

14. **Operational Requirements:**

- (a) Numbers and Separation of Student Groups: Instruction inside the park is not to exceed 6 students per group in addition to an instructor and an assistant. No more than one group shall be present at any instruction location in the park at any given time.
- (b) Specific Activities Allowed/Disallowed: Technical and artistic instruction shall be pertinent to the scenic, natural and cultural resources of the park. All vehicles must be kept on established roadways, and there shall be no interference with pedestrians or other traffic in the park.
- (c) Protection of Park Resources: Alteration of any park features (to allow set-up of equipment, enhance setting, etc.) is strictly prohibited. Littering is prohibited. Participants are to leave as little evidence of their workshop use as possible and properly dispose of refuse. The CUA holder shall be liable for any damages to property of the United States resulting from the activities authorized hereunder.

15. **Guided Interpretive Hikes and Park Tours:** Commercial guided hikes and tours are **allowed within the park by permit only.** Hiking groups must stay together at all times and remain on established trails. Gathering on the edge of or off established trails may cause the trampling of vegetation and other damage to the natural resources. Frequent stopping on the trails is discouraged as it may lead to congestion and interrupt the travel of other individuals.

16. **Wildlife: DO NOT FEED THE WILDLIFE**—this disrupts natural processes the NPS is trying to preserve. Respect the space needed by all wildlife species. Use binoculars and view animals from a distance that does not result in avoidance or flight behavior. Intentionally approaching mammalian wildlife is limited to a distance no closer than 100 feet.

17. **Superintendent's Compendium (attached):** All Compendium regulations, Federal, and State laws also apply.